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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 8, 14, 22 and 28 is respectfully acknowledged.

Claims 8 and 22 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claims 7 and 21 from which claims 8 and 22 formerly depended, respectively.

In addition, claims 9 and 23 have been amended to depend from claims 8 and 22, respectively, and claim 14 has been amended to delete subject matter now recited in amended independent claim 8.

Still further, the claims have also been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

Claims 1-7, 13, 15-21 and 27, moreover, have been cancelled, without prejudice.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added and that no new issues have been raised which require further consideration on the merits and/or a new search. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments

to the claims be approved and entered under 37 CFR 1.116, and it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 8 and 22, and claims 9-12, 14, 23-26 and 28 depending therefrom, are now all in condition for immediate allowance.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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